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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR
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In order to comply with the duty of disclosure prescribed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, transmitted herewith in connection with the above-referenced pending patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). This IDS complies with the requirements prescribed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and is being submitted pursuant to:

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- ☒ the fee of \$180.00 set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

or

- ☐ a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e):

- ☐ see attached Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

- ☐ The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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and

- ☐ a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e):

- ☐ see attached Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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Fees & Method of Payment

- ☐ There is no fee required for submission of this IDS.
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The Examiner's attention is kindly directed to the documents identified on the enclosed/attached Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of U.S. Patents and/or Patent Application Publications, if any, are not required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and, therefore, have not been provided in connection with this submission. Copies of all other references, if any, are enclosed/attached.

The references cited in this IDS should be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent that may issue thereon. Accordingly, Applicant kindly requests that a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next office communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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